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It appears that President Rosey sniffs trouble in the growing union strength of the postal clerks and will stop its future growth.

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The mistake being made in the wonderful treatment of Roosevelt's hair, is in the fact that it is the inside of his head that needs treatment.

Two governors in Colorado may at least act as a lesson to the union men who have repeatedly declared for Socialism in the organization and then repudiated it in the election by voting for a candidate of the left wing of capitalism.

The little printed slip circulated at the convention of labor leaders and fakirs, charging Mitchell and Gompers with dining at a scab cafe with Professor Eliot, who said that "A scab is a hero," set things to moving. So far we have not heard that the men above mentioned deny the dinner and their part at the same.

The workers created wealth in this country last year to the amount of \$2,451. Did you get your share? It would be about \$10 per day. How does your income compare with that? Whatever you got less than that your vote for the old parties gave to capitalism. If you want the ten dollars per day vote for yourself by voting the Socialist ticket.

A dispatch of the 7th says that Governor Toole has issued an order of quarantine, and that the same is issued to prevent the spread of scab among sheep in districts to which the proclamation aims. Had the governor of Montana issued an order to the mutton-heads against scabbing on election day he would not have received that plurality of votes.

Oscar Haas, of New York, walking delegate of the International Iron Workers, committed suicide because he was old and could not get a job. He left a letter to his wife saying: "It is a cold world for an old man who cannot secure employment." But this is what walking delegates and union men have been voting for, and they are gradually receiving what they have demanded at the ballot box.

The American Federation of Labor, which is in session in San Francisco, has repudiated Socialism. As long as that great organization is under the leadership of wise, conservative men of the Gompers, Mitchell stamp it will continue to be the tremendous influence for good that it has always been since its organization. But let it be controlled by hot headed extremists and swift disaster must be the inevitable result.—Fergus County Democrat.

Alas! and another laboring ass hath brayed.

President Roosevelt declares in his message that the open shop is

here to stay, and that more open shops will be instituted in the near future. He does not say it in just this language, but the News desires to put it in such plain wording that even the mullet headed union man may not be mistaken. Watch these columns in the future and you will see the evidences of substantiation. He also announces that he will soon have published a full report of the Colorado trouble. You bet he didn't publish that report before election.

A HEALTHY INCREASE.

The returns of the state of Montana are in, and while they do not show as much of an increase as first indications warranted us in believing the vote would, the gain shows a wonderful and probably a very solid advance.

The vote for president in Montana was 5,529; four years ago the vote was 708, or a gain of 4,621. This means an increase of 681 per cent in four years. On congressman, the vote four years ago was 613 while this year it was 4,025, or an increase in four years of 557 per cent. As compared with the vote for congressman two years ago an advance of over 28 per cent was made.

Evidently gains that would go higher than these figures would be scarcely considered permanent gains.

For governor four years ago the vote was 505, while this year it was 3,431 or a gain of 579 per cent.

In comparing the vote on governor this year with the vote for congressman two years ago, many of the comrades might arrive at a false conclusion and imagine that the party had not made much of an advance but when given a parallel comparison, as one gubernatorial race with another, or one presidential campaign with another, and not the false comparison of a general election year with what is termed an off year, it is easy to see that the Socialists of Montana made a wonderful advance and probably as great an advance as is safe for the movement.

It would hardly be reasonable to believe that we could make so large an increase in the next four years, as this is an average of over 600 per cent gain. Granting that we should, our vote in Montana in four years from now would be about 39,000. The total vote cast in the state for all parties was about 64,000 this year or a smaller vote than four years ago. Should this condition be repeated it would give the state to the Socialists by an enormous majority.

Comrades, these figures tell us that it is time to organize the farmers and spread the propaganda for our advance depends upon education.

EXPIRING SUBSCRIPTIONS.

At this time we desire to call the attention of the readers of the Montana News to the little label on the paper, that bears their name and date of expiration of their subscription. At the right of the name are figures of the month, either the 1st or 15th, then the name of the month and then the year.

You should keep your eye on this label, that you may know when your subscription expires, and renew in time not to miss a single number. Every week this little label bearing your name tells you when the paper will stop coming, and let us say here that none are sent out on time, neither will they be sent after the expiration of the time designated; it is useless for subscribers who do not want the paper to write telling us to "discontinue sending the News at time of their expiration," because none are sent after that time. In fact the very low price for the paper makes it imperative for us to do a strictly cash business.

Let us call your attention to the fact that a number of subscriptions expire on Jan. 1, 1905, and an effort should be made by the comrades over the state to see that all of these subscribers renew at that time.

GETTING CLASS CONSCIOUS.

The Referendum, of Faribault, Minnesota, and the Montana News have been considered the only two "impossibilist" papers in the United States since the national convention at Chicago in May, but judging from the tone of many of the papers there are soon to be more. The Crisis of Salt Lake and the Worker

of New York appear to be "coming up."

This thing of papers being afraid to speak out, is entirely out of order in the Socialist movement, and is the reason of the poor organization of the Socialist movement in this country today. Too many of the comrades have been under the old party influence of "I don't like this fighting going on in the Socialist movement among the papers." It was the straightforward stand that the Seattle Socialist took, up until one week before the national convention, that practically put it out of business. The comrades complained because it saw fit at times to criticize the Appeal to Reason. The idol worshippers could not stand this; but there is a wonderful change coming, and the papers that are going to receive the support of the fellows who will support a Socialist paper, are the ones that come out and "hue to the line, let the chips fall where they may."

The comrades must learn that no paper in this country is edited by an infallible man, and are consequently subject to criticism. By criticism they shall be made better. The Socialist papers are not what they should be, and as the movement grows the papers will improve. The News would not publish one single line or leave out the same amount, because of policy, that we might retain a single subscriber or secure a new one. It has been the policy of this paper to give the readers revolutionary Socialism to the best of our ability, and as the paper advances better talent will be added to give them more of the same scientific education that must lead to the establishment of the co-operative commonwealth.

IS NOT A SOCIALIST.

In the Socialist movement in Minnesota there appears to be a very strong following of the sentimental kind. In fact the editor of the News learned that while attending the national convention held in Chicago in May, by making acquaintance with some of the delegates from that state. But to cap the climax on pure sentimentalism, the following from the pen of A. Hershfield of Minneapolis, to the editor of The Referendum of Faribault in a discussion relative to class consciousness and revisionist ideas, is the limit:

It is true that I supported a democratic candidate for alderman in the third ward four years ago and not two years ago as you stated. Were the conditions the same today I would do the same thing over even if I have to quit the Socialist party. The party had no nominee for alderman; the democrat had nearly ruined himself supporting the A. R. U. strikers in 1894.

After delivering himself of the above as a class conscious Socialist, he signs his name and follows it with M. D. Initials at one end of his name should be sufficient for a militant Socialist, but barring this sentimental, capitalist humbug of following his name with letters, that signify that he knows something according to a diploma, let us look at the facts in the above utterances of this doctor.

It would not be so bad, had he supported the democrat four years ago as he says he did, but after four years of education, to assert that he would repeat the deal, is evidence of his misunderstanding of Socialism. The fact that the Socialists had no man in the field does not permit or grant the right to a class conscious Socialist to vote for any old partyite. That vote was a half vote for the left wing of the capitalist party.

The Socialist who makes such assertions as the above, that "I would do the same thing over even if I had to quit the Socialist party" should be given the opportunity by his local to quit; yes, to quit at once, by request. He is not a Socialist; he is a bourgeois and the quicker the movement is rid of this class the better. When Dr. Hershfield becomes a proletariat in fact by economic grind, and goes to work on the public roads in the National Park, like a number of men with this "M. D." after their name have done, then he may begin to learn what is meant by class conscious,

scientific, revolutionary Socialism. The local that permits a member after making such statements, to remain in its organization, should have its charter suspended.

OUR ADVERTISERS.

Those advertisers who patronize the columns of the News are deserving of the support of the Socialist trade, and we desire to urge upon the Socialist supporters of this paper the importance of patronizing those business firms that patronize our columns. The News has grown to a large state circulation, and it is the duty of those who desire to see the paper live to give their trade, under the present system, to those who are the patrons of our advertising columns.

The writer could readily see why an appeal of this kind would be of little use to the average union man or worker, but as to the class conscious Socialist we can see no reason why he should not realize the importance of this trade matter at this time and follow the above suggestion.

Let us, under the present competitive system, assist in a trade way those who assist us, even though we may have to walk a few blocks out of our way to do our trading.

How many of you Socialists will line up like men, and give your trade to those where it should go? All in line, all at once, and the force of our united effort will soon be felt in the trade channels.

ARGUS IS OUT OF ORDER.

The Argus of Lewistown in an editorial has the following to say in regard to its city:

In Lewistown there are twenty or more saloons and gambling halls where over \$100,000 a year is spent in dissipation and at games of chance.

And yet not a voice is raised in protest nor the slightest effort made to check these evils, while people are preparing to leave the city because it is an unsafe place to rear a boy. Everything seems to be sacrificed for "business."

Is it not about time that Lewistown has a reputation for something else besides being a good "business point?" Is money making the chief object of life?

It is high time the press, the churches and all decent people awake to the conditions that prevail in this city and resolve to do something to elevate its moral tone.

Until this is done we will have nothing to be thankful for as regards the moral aspect of the local situation.

Well, well, Brer Vrooman, did you awake? But why do you ask such questions at this time? You were in Lewistown when the Montana News was published there and when the proof was furnished as to J. D. Waite, your republican state senator, buying his seat through "tin horn" assistance at \$5 per, and if you had been here the other evening you would have seen him at the resort where this class hold out, and especially one of the head buyers for Mr. Waite at that time—Mr. Hagenson.

You know that had it not been for the "tin horn" element of your town Mr. Waite could not have been elected. You know that he was given a Kangaroo trial before a court that had been in the insane asylum, and prosecuted by an attorney who was, and still is, under the thumb of the money power of that town.

Further, you were there publishing the Argus when the three drug gists were arrested for selling booze without a license; it was proven in the court that they sold the liquor and the county treasurer testified that they had no license, but to convict criminals of the same gang in their own court, country and by their own lawyers upon evidence from the Socialist bunch would never do.

Why, you were there when the News published the criminal receipts from the prostitutes, who paid tribute to the city marshal, J. C. Bebb; and now these same poor fallen women are held up for this blood money in your police court to the tune of \$5 per month; and Judge McGowan, a good church member, knows that he is a worse criminal when he enters that fine on the docket than is the poor prostitute who pays it. This is what you and your church gang voted for, so take your medicine.

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You say it is high time that the press and the church and all decent people awake to the conditions. Why, how is it they didn't awake when you had someone in your town not afraid to conduct the fight? The church that is affiliated with the Waite crowd and the Fergus county bank, dare not make a move, neither dare the preacher say one single word.

It is a poor time for you and a lot of other vacillating degenerates, your churches of Lewistown included, to begin to set up a howl about the "tin horn" element. It was the "tin horns" who bought the votes that elected your republican state senator. It was Col. Cal Lewis, Mr. Waite's right hand bower and Jake Hagenson, who flew the country at that time, who made Waite's election possible. And those "tin horns" and their prostitutes stand today in less disgrace than do you and your gang of churches and decent people, who like cringing cowards and curs, slunk from the fight, when men were there who would have conducted the cleaning to a finish, even though it landed Mr. Waite and his "tin horn" cohorts at Deer Lodge. Go away back and sit down; you're out of order; for the coward that bowed on bended knee to the money power then, would be a still weaker, vacillating coward today.

IT'S THE SYSTEM.

A correspondent at Missoula writing to the Butte Miner, says:

Thanksgiving day there were rooster fights, which were stopped for some time through the efforts of the clergy. Now, there is gambling and everything else that is vicious, which the clergy and all self-respecting citizens should endeavor to stop.

And the Butte Miner, edited by a wage slave, hired by W. A. Clark, who made many millions by gambling, goes on at a terrible rate, and attempts in its assinine democratic

way to lay the blame to Congressman Dixon.

Why should Dixon or any other old partyite attempt to change the conditions complained of? You all voted for that system at the polls on the 8th day of last November, the clergy included, and in fact they would be in on the rooster fights and gambling if the revenue were to come to their particular church that furnishes them the easy graft to live without work, while poor children are not only failing to receive education in the midst of this awful crime, but are running at large on the street of Missoula that is lined with prostitutes; and if we mistake not, Missoula is collecting fine money from these fallen women and "tin horns" to help swell the city exchequer.

But, why all this bawl now? You people voted for this and then raise a kick because you get just what you voted for. This is the fruit of the present competitive system, for which Congressman Dixon and Clark's Miner both stand.

CONSISTENT UNION MEN.

Last Monday evening the laboring men of Basin, where the Heinze influence is dominant, refused to impose a fine on union men who patronize the Chinese. It is said that the Chinese of that town are elated over their victory and are all enthusiastic Heinze men.—Miner.

About what could be expected of pure and simple union men, but the Miner should not consider it sour grapes because the Chinamen desire to worship Heinze; it would be as ridiculous to worship Clark, owner of the Miner. Both workers, whites and chinks, are fighting among themselves, in place of fighting the capitalist system which makes them what they are.

Education of the workers in principles of Socialism must never be allowed to lag, but of equal importance is the work of organization.

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